Further, the permission for usage of facilities/infrastructure for live news/footage collection and transmission, irrespective of the technology used, will be given to only those channels which are uplinked from India and the channel/company will ensure that its news and current affairs content provider(s), if any, are accredited with the Press Information Bureau.

(e) Foreign companies who had applied for permission to uplink TV news channels have been advised to apply afresh, as per the provisions of the revised guidelines.

Advertisement of population control and prevention of AIDS

†3192. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the advertisement giving the message of population control and prevention of a dreaded disease like AIDS is very vulgar and distasteful; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not banning the said advertisement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD) : (a) and (b) This Ministry had received a complaint regarding a particular advertisement on AIDS prevention. Show-cause notices have been issued to some Television channels for telecasting this Advertisement.

Time of news bulletins in DD

†3193. DR. ABRAR AHMED : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to extend the time of news bulletins in Doordarshan;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to bring improvement, impartiality in the news bulletins of Doordarshan and to make them more effective to compete to other channels;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.